

my constituents was a great example of collaboration between local, state and federal leadership. While the Northland Regional Chamber is losing an incredible leader, I am excited for Sheila to begin the next chapter of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Sheila Tracy for her years of service to the people of the Northland and Missouri's Sixth Congressional District. I know Sheila's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking her for her commitment to others and wishing her the best of luck in all her endeavors and many years of success to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2021. This bill would clarify that D.C. residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the D.C. Superior Court based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, my bill would clarify that "sex," which is a protected class under the non-discrimination law that applies to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court, includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Under the Home Rule Act, Congress has exclusive jurisdiction over title 11 of the D.C. Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts).

The District has one of the strongest non-discrimination laws in the country, including protecting individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, under the Home Rule Act, the District does not have the authority to make this non-discrimination law applicable to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court. Therefore, until the District is given complete control over the organization and jurisdiction of its local courts, an act of Congress is required to make this important change to protect the rights of all D.C. residents. This bill is necessary to protect jurors in the D.C. Superior Court from discrimination.

My bill is similar to the Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2021 (H.R. 1140), which would provide the same protections for jurors in federal court. I am a proud cosponsor of that bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF THE DOWNRIVER FAMILY YMCA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the anniversary of the Downriver Family YMCA located in Southgate, Michigan. Their 80 years of service to our community and its families is worthy of commendation.

In Metro Detroit, the YMCA has been serving families for over 168 years. The YMCA is an organization of men, women, and children with a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

With simple beginnings as an organization established in 1941 by W.F. Newell at a house on Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte, Michigan, the Downriver Family YMCA has grown to be an exceptional center of wellness, community, and education. In 1943, The YMCA outgrew their small house and moved to a property at Chestnut and Biddle. This new Downriver YMCA represented the first "family" YMCA branch including boys and girls as well as men and women. Sixteen years later, they made the big move to their new home in Southgate at Fort Street and Eureka, partnering with the YWCA. Together they built two new pools and improved their offerings constantly to continue to serve the bustling area of Downriver. On May 11, 2003, to meet the growing needs of the community the YMCA and the City of Southgate held the grand opening for their brand-new building, The Southgate Fun and Fitness Center.

Serving over 15,000 members, the Downriver Family YMCA is the largest branch in Metro Detroit. This organization has supported generations of Downriver families from childhood well into their senior years. Providing after-school programs, summer camps, food drives, active living classes, and activities for seniors, the Downriver Family YMCA's commitment to the promotion of health and wellness has impacted the lives of thousands of Michiganders of all ages as they enter their eighth decade of service to the people of Downriver.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Downriver Family YMCA's 80 years of service to our community. The Downriver Family YMCA has been a constant in the lives of the Downriver area's children and families for decades. I extend my gratitude to the entire Downriver Family YMCA team and wish them continued success in service and healthy living for years to come.

HONORING MICHAEL T. PTASIENSKI, 5TH INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN CELE- BRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the career of a true public servant, House Inspector General Michael Ptasienski, who has dedicated nearly 15 years of his professional career to ensuring the People's House operates with integrity and accountability. Appointed as Inspector General in February of 2018, Mike is only the fifth individual to hold this position and as House IG, exemplified the excellence, attention to detail, determination and character necessary for success.

But of course, the role of the Inspector General was not a surprise to Mike. Prior to being appointed, he had served as Deputy Inspector General of Advisory and Administrative Serv-

ices, and as Director of Management Advisory Services. This month, his tenure in the House IG shop came to its end when he entered retirement on June 4, 2021. Mike will be missed—not only for his dedication and commitment to the IG mission, but for his positive attitude and approachable nature.

Part of the mission of the House IG is to "serve as a constructive critic, helpful advisor, and positive change agent." In fulfilling this mission, Mike has gone above and beyond, and the House is a more accountable, efficient, and safe institution due to the many recommendations and advisories his team produced under his leadership.

I wish to once again express my and my team's gratitude for Mike's partnership, collaboration, and kindness throughout the years, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING REVEREND DR. JOHN E. ROBERTS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Reverend Dr. John Roberts, Pastor of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo, for his 56 years of service in Jesus Christ. Our community joined his congregation in celebration of this heralded event on June 6, 2021.

I chronicled Pastor Roberts' life in an Extension of Remarks in April 2005 upon the very special occasion of his fortieth anniversary. This 56th year, Pastor Roberts will be elevated to the honorable status of Pastor Emeritus.

Born in Bryant, Mississippi in 1927 to George and Melvina Roberts, John E. Roberts came to Toledo, Ohio in 1944. A founding member of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, he has been part of the church since it was organized in 1946. As noted in his biography, "He has served and walked in the footsteps of most positions in the church, from custodian to Pastor" and was called to pastor the church on the 3rd Sunday of January 1965. Even while Pastor, he pursued his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Religious Education degrees in 1975, his Master of Theology in 1984, and his Doctorate in Biblical Theology in 1985.

His biography highlights his many roles in his capacity as pastor: teacher, preacher, counselor, and builder. The biography notes he is "Christ-like in devotion: strong in faith and mighty in prayer. His life, with its results, is a never-failing inspiration and challenges people of all ages and races, creating strong men around him."

Though Pastor Roberts has been the guiding light of his congregation and family for decades, standing beside him always has been his wife, First Lady Mother Bernice Roberts. Pastor and First Lady Mother Roberts are partners in all ways and "jointly through the Grace of God they have mastered certain techniques that involve the ability to compromise, understand, cooperate, give and take, adjusting for better, not worse, knowing that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord." Pastor and Mother Roberts were blessed to celebrate their 71st anniversary this year, on April 6. Together

their family includes children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Pastor Roberts' service to the membership of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church blazed a path of leadership as he grew the church over many decades. His congregation blossomed from dozens to thousands as he shared the Word of the Lord, his devotion and wisdom, and his unique gifts.

In addition to his leadership in the church, Pastor Roberts' imprimatur in our community is writ large. A highly respected community leader, he has served on many Toledo area organizations, lending his expertise and counsel well beyond the doors of his church.

Reverend Dr. John E. Roberts came to retirement at age 93 in March of 2021. He was the oldest serving Baptist pastor in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, and the Nation. As Pastor Emeritus, I am certain he will continue Christ's Message of Love and follow Psalms 78:72, "So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart. And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands."

We are grateful for Pastor Roberts' unique and precious gifts including an irrepressible, wry sense of humor, brilliant smile, twinkling eyes, and a master of biblical text. A man of the Word, he kept his word. His life inspired others from all walks of life to follow his steady lead. The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church building he led his congregation to construct, and then expand several times, serves as a foundation stone for the revitalization of the near west neighborhood that hugs Toledo's downtown.

When Pastor Roberts set a course, he always arrived at the destination.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL. DICK LITTLESTONE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Colonel Richard "Dick" Littlestone, United States Army retired—a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated advocate for veterans from California's 33rd Congressional District. Colonel Littlestone passed away on May 15, 2021 at the age of 97.

Colonel Littlestone was born on September 23, 1923 in Evanston, Illinois and moved with his family to California at a young age. He attended and graduated from Los Angeles High School and was drafted into the Army a couple years later. While there, he was chosen to go to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he graduated in 1947.

Colonel Littlestone married his wife Doris in 1948. They moved to the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles in 1972 and raised three children, Richard, Nanette and Mark. They resided in the Palisades for 49 years. Doris and Dick were married for almost 73 years.

Colonel Littlestone was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He served in the United States Army for 33 years and received the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and more than a dozen other honors.

Through the G.I. Bill, he earned several advanced degrees and said that as a result, he had a wonderful career in the Army.

After his time in the service, Colonel Littlestone taught at West Point for several years and later served as Chair and Professor of the Department of Military Science and Associate Director of the Computers and Information Systems Research Program at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Colonel Littlestone believed deeply in duty, honor, and country, but went beyond that to serve his community and when he retired, this became his passion. Colonel Littlestone dedicated his time towards advocating for local veterans and fighting for improvements in his community. He said it was his service in three wars, and all the Army provided him, that drove his continued involvement and advocacy.

Colonel Dick Littlestone was the driving force behind the creation of the Los Angeles National Cemetery's new and expanded columbarium, a 4.4-acre project on the West Los Angeles VA Campus that would go on to house the remains of over 90,000 veterans and their family members. For 22 years he championed this cause to ensure more veterans in the region could be laid to rest closer to their families and homes. The process was a labor of love and he prodded and cajoled several Secretaries of Veterans Affairs for years, knocking down one hurdle after another. His final achievement was to see the completion and dedication of the columbarium at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, which took place in October 2019.

Colonel Littlestone was honored in 2015 with the first-ever Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' Veterans Lifetime Achievement Award. He was more recently recognized for his service to the country when named Los Angeles Veteran of the Year in 2020 by Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin. Bonin said, "Throughout his decades of service to both his country and his community, Colonel Littlestone has consistently combined his passion for the military with education." Bonin added, "Colonel Dick Littlestone is an extraordinary example of patriotic duty and service—to his country and to the City of Los Angeles."

Colonel Dick Littlestone believed deeply in duty, honor, and country. His dedication to veterans and his service to his country and community is a shining example for all of us to follow. May his memory be a blessing.

CONGRATULATING DIJONAY DAWSON FOR WINNING THREE CLASS 5 STATE MEDALS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dijonay Dawson for winning three gold medals at the Class 5 Track and Field Championship.

Dijonay earned a total of nine points out of the eleven Jefferson City Lady Jays put on the board. Out of her three gold medals, two medals were in individual races and one was in a relay. Dijonay should be commended for her hard work and dedication throughout this past year.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Dijonay Dawson for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN MANNING

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Manning on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern Community Services.

For more than 30 years, John Manning has provided much needed support to our community through his work at Southwestern Community Services (SCS). SCS runs numerous critical programs designed to empower low-income individuals and families, such as the Community Food Program, several Energy and Fuel Assistance Programs, seven Head Start Centers, and more. Through John's leadership, SCS continues to expand services, including the distribution of critical rental assistance funds to thousands of households throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

I commend John Manning on his retirement after more than three decades of public service and dedication to the Granite State. John also serves as the Fire Chief for the Town of Marlborough, a testament to his commitment to the well-being and safety of Granite Staters.

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank John Manning for his service and wish him the best of luck in his new chapter.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GLC MINERALS, LLC

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor GLC Minerals, LLC as the company celebrates its 150th anniversary.

GLC Minerals is a Green Bay based, custom manufacturer of minerals and applications in its fifth generation of ownership and operation by the Hurlbut family. GLC Minerals serves many of Wisconsin's key industries, including dairy, poultry, glass, paper, construction, and agronomy.

The company came from humble beginnings when entrepreneur, Fred Hurlbut, Sr., realized the strategic location of Green Bay and the economic opportunity of Great Lakes shipping following the Civil War and, in 1871, Fred's foresight came to fruition as the Hurlbut Calcium and Chemical Company.

In 1913, second-generation owner, Fred Hurlbut, Jr., grew the company to include major coal and bulk distribution throughout Northeast Wisconsin. In 1940, the now named F. Hurlbut Company relocated to the shores of the Fox River where it still resides today, 81 years later. Throughout the mid-1900s, the company expanded its equipment and product lines.

Under third-generation owners, Wesley H. Garner I, Charles Bennet and Frederick J. Lenfesty, the company diversified into the calcium and concrete products business. In 1965, Wesley H. Garner I's son, Frederick L. Garner, joined the company and, after serving in various capacities within the company for more